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## Canyon Country District March 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

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As an archaeologist that has worked and recreated in the areas in question, for over 25 years, I can attest to the high volume of significant archaeological sites (recorded and unrecorded) in the areas proposed for this sale, especially the Recapture Canyon, Mustang Mesa, Alkali Ridge and Montezuma Creek areas. There are numerous undocumented Chacoan sites, Basketmaker sites and PIII sites that would be impacted, if not destroyed.

The proposed leases contain some of San Juan County's most vulnerable, and valuable archaeological sites. In my professional opinion, it would be irresponsible to go forward with leasing these parcels, without at least a 100% ground survey and thorough documentation of EVERY site within the area of potential impact, avoiding/protecting any eligible sites.

Sincerely,  
Michele Martin

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